



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

January 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

100 READY STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 AM by Chairman Gant.
- II. ROLL CALL QUORUM: YES XX NO
In attendance: Mr. Jim Gant; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Bill Shanahan; Mr. Craig Root; Mr. Roger A. Weaver;
Ms. Kay Westberry; Mr. Phil Jones; Mr. Jim Lomis; Mr. David Keating (non-voting).

Absent: Mr. Sidney Howell; Ms. Teddie Lockhart, Ms. Alyce Thornhill, Ms. Sue Lockhart
Visitors: Mr. Bob Nutter and Ms. Allene Groote
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of Meeting of 12-20-10*
 - A. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Mr. Morrissey; Second by Mr. Root:
 - B. Discussion on the Motion:
 1. There were a number of typos/spelling errors that will be corrected.
 2. Under VII. C ADD the following sentence: There was discussion for and against the concept.
 - C. Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Shanahan was not at the previous meeting).
- IV. PRESENTATION
 - A. None at this time.
- V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - A. Agenda was approved as presented by Mr. Shanahan; Second by Mr. Jones.
 - B. Discussion on the motion – None
 - C. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Discussion on renaming of the project site (*from 12-20-10*).
 1. Motion by Mr. Morrissey, second by Ms. Westberry to approve the renaming of the project to: “St. Marys Intracoastal Gateway”
 2. Discussion on the motion: This should go to City Council for their review and approval. (EDITORS NOTE: The legal address will remain 100 Ready Street.)
 3. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.
 - B. Discussion on Mission Statement (*from 12-20-10*).
 1. Motion by Mr. Root, second by Mr. Shanahan to approve the mission statement of the project:
The Steering Committee’s mission is to identify, pursue and implement with City Council approval and open public participation, appropriate development and funding for the St. Marys Intracoastal Gateway. The Committee’s vision is to create a citizen and visitor destination while guaranteeing public access, environmental enhancement, and economic development which is fully compatible with Historic Downtown St. Marys.
 2. Discussion on the motion: Suggestion as to whether to add ‘public/private’ before the word ‘funding’ did not generate an amendment. This should go to City Council for their review and approval.
 3. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

- C. Charette Process Discussion (*from 12-20-10*).
 - 1. Motion to proceed with Haskell Charette on February 11, 2011 as well as authorize staff to prepare a DRAFT RFP for review on or before February 10, 2011, made by Mr. Loomis, Second by Mr. Jones.
 - 2. Discussion on the Motion. Follow the mission statement in preparation of the documents and on the process for honing the RFP and any submission
 - 3. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.
 - D. Discussion on creation of RFP subcommittee (*postponed from 12-20-10*.)
 - 1. The Steering Committee will work as a Committee of the Whole to discuss and review the DRAFT RFP. City Staff under the direction of Bill Shanahan will accomplish the DRAFT for email send out on or before 10 February, 2011.
 - E. Review of Resolution requested for Council approval regarding access to the Waterfront and for separation of components of property for future development (*from 12-20-10*).
 - 1. The Committee members had reviewed the document and were in agreement with it.
 - F. Review of Status of extension of Dock Permit (*from 12-20-10*).
 - 1. Mr. Weaver noted that the Dock extension permit has been submitted in good time for a five year extension. The Committee will be regularly apprised of the status of this formal request.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Review of submitted CIG Grant
 - 1. Mr. Weaver generally reviewed the Grant Application. There were no substantive comments.
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: The following items, although not part of the approved agenda, were discussed with the concurrence of the Committee.
- A. Revise meeting date for February Meeting
 - 1. Motion to revise the date of the next meeting from February which is a holiday to February 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM at DDA by Mr. Root; Second by Mr. Morrissey
 - 2. Discussion on the Motion: Having this in the evening will permit working citizens to observe the process.
 - 3. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.
 - B. Informational Booth: Suggestion made to have an informational boot at the Mardi Gras Festival. No motion but consensus was that this would be a great idea. This will be on the agenda for next month.
 - C. Dates for Public Charette: Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Weaver will work with the CRC to set time and parameters.
 - D. Web Site Access: Consensus of the Committee was to get our portion of the City Website active for all our minutes and related data. Staff will work on this. Also, consider a direct email 'link' for comments directly related to the St. Marys Intracoastal Gateway (SMIG).
 - E. Vacancy on Board: Due to the resignation of Sue Lockhardt, there is a vacancy on the Committee for a Tourism Authority member. Mr. Shanahan will contact the Tourism Authority for this to happen.
- IX. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES
- A. Review of Correlation of Visioning Session data by Sub-Committee. This was postponed to the next meeting.
- X. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC
- A. Ms. Groote: Discussed benches, better communication regarding public access, supports Charette process, suggests a press release related to progress of Committee.
 - B. Mr. Nuter: Suggested limited public comments prior to vote on any item; suggested meetings alternate between day and night to allow more public participation, discussed salesmanship/marketing.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
- A. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Shanahan, Second by Mr. Root.
 - B. Discussion on the motion: None.
 - C. Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 AM.

This is are DRAFT minutes and are subject to change.

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan quoted at the Council presentation on June 14, 2010 regarding the 100 Ready Street Project